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Dirksen Would Fight Watchdog Plan for CIA

By the Associated Press

Senator Dirksen, Republican of Illinois, said today he will oppose any fresh effort to set up a congressional committee to supervise Central Intelligence Agency operations.

Senator Dirksen, the Senate Republican leader, said in an interview he assumes that new attempts will be made in the next session of Congress to establish a watchdog committee.

"Whenever a joint committee is empowered to delve into and publicly report on the operations of the Government's highest intelligence agency, it will no longer remain an intelligence agency," he said.

Senate Democratic Leader Mansfield of Montana, Senator Humphrey of Minnesota, the assistant leader, and Senator McCarthy, Democratic of Minnesota, have advocated the creation of a Senate-House committee to keep an eye on CIA operations.

Similar Committee

They have argued that such a committee patrols the operations and looks into the policy decisions of the Atomic Energy Commission, which carries on secret projects.

While there have been few if any leaks of security information in this connection, Senator Dirksen took the position that the CIA's underground activities are so delicate that not even a dozen members of Congress ought to know about them in detail.

When he was President, Dwight D. Eisenhower strongly opposed setting up a watchdog committee on the grounds that there were certain to be such leaks. At Gen. Eisenhower's insistence, the Senate killed a watchdog committee resolution by a 69-27 vote in 1956.

Subcommittee members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees now get general information about CIA activities in their study of the agency's money requests. But they are far from knowing as much about what CIA is up to as the Senate-House committee knows about AEC operations.

Scrutiny Likely

The CIA seems likely to come in for some close scrutiny from Congress early in the next session.

For one thing, Senator McCarthy has raised the issue of the qualifications of Republican John A. McCone. Approved

AEC head, to replace Allen W. Dulles as CIA director.

There also is the unsolved question of whether the agency is going to be limited to the collection and reporting of intelligence information, with the evaluation of that information left to others.

President Kennedy has kept closely guarded a report of a team headed by James Killian and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor which monitored the agency's operations. The assumption is that he has discussed with Mr. McCone the policies he wants carried out.

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